



**Cabarrus Partnership**  
for children

# 2017-2018 Annual Report

## Selected Program Highlights from Our Year

Total Books Distributed:

# 22,981

Reach Out and Read:  
11,290 during well-child visits

Dolly Parton's  
Imagination Library:  
11,691 mailed to  
children's homes



## Early Literacy

Reach Out & Read

Dolly Parton's  
Imagination  
Library



The medical practices participating in Assuring Better Child Health and Development (ABCD) have been provided with ongoing support and education around the importance of developmental screenings which helps to ensure that children are identified early and appropriate referrals are made.

## Children who received recommended developmental screenings



## Health & Early Intervention

Assuring Better  
Child Health &  
Development  
(ABCD)

## Increased Physical Activity

Parents reporting that their children received at least 60 minutes of physical activity a day.  
Before: 23% After: 63%

The use of pedometers in child care centers increased physical activity by a half an hour per day.



## Childhood Obesity

Building  
Healthy  
Lifestyles

Cabarrus Partnership for Children connects purpose, people and programs to ensure child well-being in Cabarrus County, North Carolina.

Dear Friends,

Cabarrus County Partnership for Children is 20 Years Old!

As I looked through the history of the Cabarrus County Partnership for Children, I found our roots are deep in our local hospital and health department. These are still some of our strongest partnerships today. We have developed many relationships with community partners over the years and we know we make the greatest impact for our children when we work together.

We are indebted to the leadership and vision of our board chairs over the last two decades - Roy Davis, Valarie Sakach, Bob Shinn, Dana Eure, and Robert Furr. We are also appreciative of the time and energy of the board members who have so capably served over the years.

We are happy to share some of our accomplishments over the past year as well as the positive gains made for children in our community over the past two decades. It is with a grateful heart that I thank the community for supporting the Partnership. We know when we help a child we are changing our future. We thank you for your support.



**Ann Benfield,**  
Executive Director



# Celebrating 20 years of Cabarrus Partnership for children

THEN: 2001

**20%**

NOW: 2018

**62%**



PERCENTAGE  
OF CHILDREN  
ENROLLED  
IN 4 OR 5  
STAR FACILITIES

**More children attending  
high quality care  
IN CABARRUS COUNTY**

## More Children Succeeding in School

Third graders have higher standardized scores and lower special education placement rates in those counties that had received relatively more funding for Smart Start when these children were younger. This is according to research released in March 2011 by Duke University, which found that investments in Smart Start generate broad education benefits.

## 0 to 2 year olds screened

THEN: 2001 NOW: 2018

**2%**

**6.4%**



## 3 to 5 year olds screened

THEN: 2001 NOW: 2018

**4%**

**5.8%**



**More Children Screened and  
Identified for Early Intervention  
IN CABARRUS COUNTY**



The NC Pre-K program is designed to provide high-quality educational experiences to enhance school readiness for eligible four-year-old children. Children are prepared in all five of the developmental domains that are critical to children's overall well-being and success in reading and math as they enter school.

### Approaches to play and learning

### Emotional and social development

### Health and physical development

### Language development and communication

### Cognitive development

Number of Sites: **14**

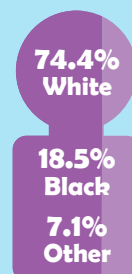
Number of Classrooms: **29**

Number of Children: **354**

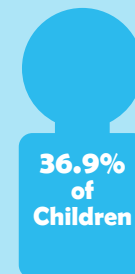
## Young Children at a Glance in Cabarrus County



**Ethnicity**



**Racial  
Composition**



**Living in  
poor or  
low income  
homes**

**13,542**

preschool-aged children in Cabarrus County which represented 6.5% of the total population.

**48**

child care centers enroll 3675 preschool children

**15**

family child care homes enroll 77 preschool children

**27.1%**

of children below age 6 enrolled in licensed child care

**28.6%**

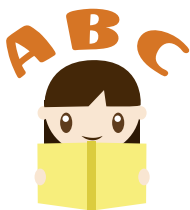
of children ages 2-4 in Cabarrus County are overweight or obese



# Smart Start



Smart Start was created in 1993 as an innovative solution to a problem: Children were coming to school unprepared to learn. Smart Start delivers outcomes by giving communities local control to determine the best approach to achieving them.



## Health and Early Intervention

Programs funded: Assuring Better Child Health and Development (ABCD)  
Project Baby Reach  
Emergency Dental Services

**6,955**

Children ages 0-5 in medical practices that participate in the ABCD activity

**2,357**

Families of newborns in the Mother/Baby Unit receiving developmental milestones

**168**

Families visited in Neonatal Intensive Care Unit by Project Baby Reach

**11**

Children receiving emergency dental services



## Early Care and Education

Programs funded: Building Healthy Lifestyles (BHL), Child Care Health Consultants (CCHC), Inclusion Services, NC Pre-K Administration, Smart Start Subsidy

**547**

Children received NC Pre-K Smart Start Subsidies

**61**

Child care facilities received training and technical assistance through CCHC

**37**

Children served with Inclusion services, therapies or interventions

**9**

Child care facilities received training and technical assistance through BHL

## Family Education and Support

Programs funded: Parents as Teachers (PAT), Family Support and Education, Circle of Parents, Reach Out and Read, Celebrating Families

**199**

Parents attending NC Pre-K Parent Education Sessions

**6,302**

Number of children receiving books distributed during well child checkups

**99**

Parents attending Models Teen Parent, Young Moms, and Inmate Circle of Parents Groups

**48**

Families receiving PAT services

**15**

Families participating in Celebrating Families 16-week series



## Our Impact in 2017-18



**99.9%**

of teachers receiving training through CCHC, BHL, and Inclusion Services reported they were provided with new knowledge and/or skills they will implement.

**90%**

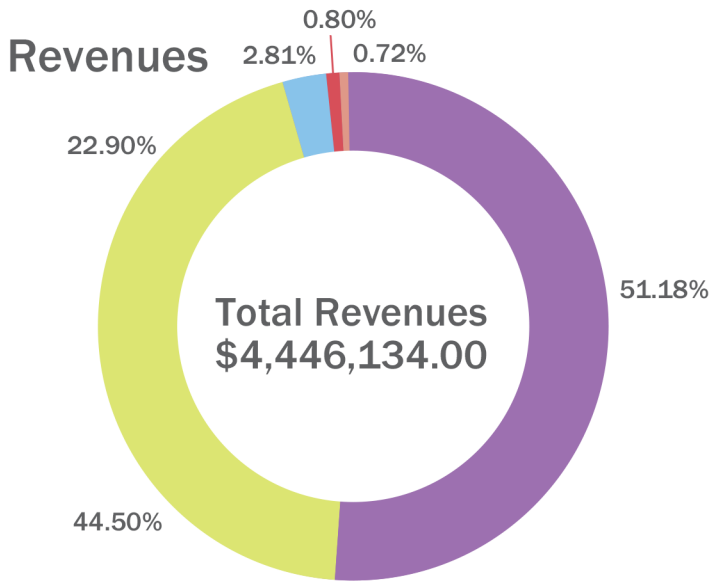
of children receiving Inclusion Services remained in the same facility until the end of the program year or the natural end of the child's placement as opposed to expulsion for behavior issues.



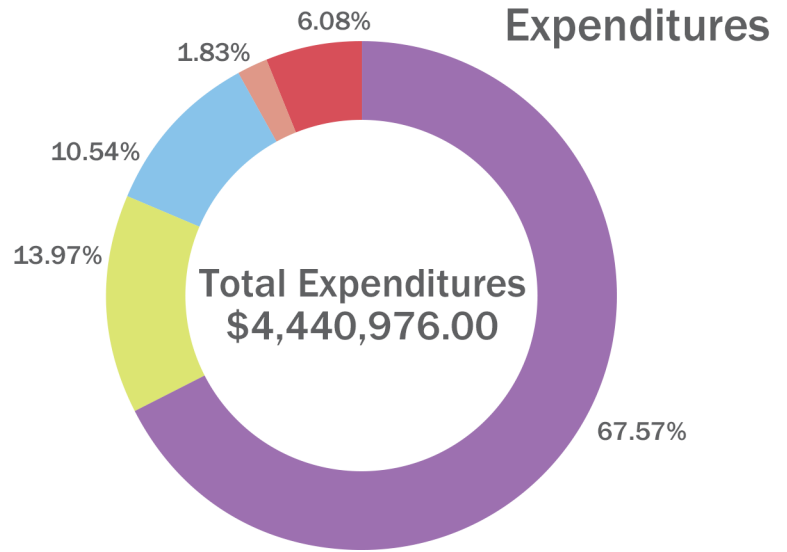
**100%**

of parents participating in Circle of Parents and Celebrating Families increased family functioning and resiliency after program participation.

as measured by the Protective Factors Survey



- Smart-Start (includes subsidy & DPIL)
- NC Pre-K
- NC Special Appropriations
- Shared Services
- Private Contributions & Grants



- Child Care & Education
- Health & Safety
- Family Support
- Administration
- Program Management



**This year 514 coats were collected and distributed so that young children had a warm coat for winter.**

**We provided 23 car seats and 21 Pack n' Plays and cribs to families in need.**

## Financial Contributors

- Ben Mynatt Foundation
- Cabarrus County
- Cabarrus Health Alliance
- Central United Methodist Church
- Community Foundation
- Duke Endowment
- Duke Energy Foundation
- Early Childhood Foundation
- Ellis Jewelers
- First Presbyterian Church
- Forest Hills United Methodist Church

- Hayes Trust
- Hilbish Ford
- McGill Baptist Church
- National Christian Foundation
- Rotary Club of Cabarrus County
- Speedway Children's Charities
- Teletech

**And our many friends who support us with their time, wisdom, and financial gifts**

## Partnership Staff

- Ann Benfield - Executive Director
- Ariel Ayers - Finance
- Debra Pless - Child Care Health Consultant
- Elizabeth Albright - Family Support & NCPK
- Jamie Clark - NCPK & Subsidy
- Lissy Rios - Program Assistant
- Lyne Goode - Family Programs & NCPK
- Melissa Jones - Child Care Health Consultant
- Patricia Sehorn - NCPK Program Manager
- Stephanie Bynum - Program Manager

## Partnership Board

- Virginia Amendum, Community Advocate
- Rob Betler, BB&T
- Gale Coor, Children's Developmental Services
- Rose Staples Deese, Deese Law Firm
- Jeanne Dixon, Community Advocate
- Robert B. Furr, Cabarrus Cooperative Extension
- Amos McClorey, Logan Community CDC/NAACP
- Stephen Morris, Gem Theatre
- Maureen O'Bryan, First Kids Presbyterian
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